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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed October 12, 2001 (paper number 4) in connection with the above-captioned patent application. As the Action provided a three month period for reply, this paper is timely filed. Prior to further examination of this application, please take into consideration the following remarks.

Remarks

The present application originally included claims 1-19. By preliminary amendment filed with the initial application papers, claim 6 was canceled and claim 20 was added, thereby resulting in pending claims 1-5 and 7-20. Applicants note, however, that the Office Action Summary refers to claims 1-19, and that paragraph 1 of the DETAILED ACTION, while acknowledging the cancellation of claim 6, does not acknowledge the addition of claim 20, and while indicating that claims 7-9 have been renumbered as claims 6-8, further indicates that claims 1-19 are pending. As the confusion relating to the claim numbering does not affect the